WOMEN in the ARMED SERVICE

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STATISTICS of ACTIVE DUTY WOMEN (DEC 2000)

Table 1: Active Duty (including TARs)

	Women	Men	Total
Active-duty Personnel [Overall Numbers]	**54,142 (14.2%)**	**328,223**	**382,365**
• *Enlisted Personnel*	46,134 (14.1%)	281,246	**327,380**
• *Officers*	8,008 (14.6%)	46,977	**54,985**

Table 2: Navy Women Aboard Ships

	Enlisted	Officer	Total
Combatant	8,735	643	**9,378**
Non-combatant	1,757	66	**1,823**
USNS Ships	264	12	**276**
Afloat Staff	222	55	**277**
Carrier Airwings	1,323	101	**1,424**
Other Shipboard Air Units	357	59	**416**
Misc Shipboard	332	41	**373**
Land based Deployers	1656	82	**1738**
Other Sea Duty	634	49	**683**
USMC	392	93	**485**
Total	15,672	1,201	**16,873**

HISTORIC FACTS of WOMEN in the ARMED SERVI

* The first woman awarded disability pension by Congres
incurred during military service was Margaret Corbin.
her fallen husband's cannon in the Battle of Fort Washi
the American Revolution.

* During the War of 1812, two women served as nurses a
States, Stephen Decatur's flag ship.

* During the Civil War women disguised as men served o
Women also served as spies, nurses-- including aboard
hospital and one, Dr. Mary Walker, received the Congre
Medal of Honor.

* Women have served in the American armed forces for a
years-- since 1901-- when the Army Nurse Corps was e
The Navy Corps soon followed in 1908.

HISTORIC FACTS of WOMEN in the ARMED SERVI

* Women who were not nurses were first enlisted in the
  Marine Corps during WWI. Only nurses served in the
  during this war, but the Army did hire about 200 civili
  who were fluent in both English and French to serve a
  operators.

* 432 American military women were killed during WWI
  prisoners of war all but one of these in the Pacific The

* 7 women died in the line of duty while serving in theat
  Vietnam War. Their names can be found inscribed on
  Memorial.

* Almost 41,000 women served in theater during Persia
  13 women were killed and two were taken as prisone